

**Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 18, 2008
Meeting Scheduled Start Time: 10:00 AM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Maricopa County, Arizona
(and the Boards of Directors of the Flood Control
District, Library District, Stadium District, Improvement
Districts, and/or Board of Deposit)**



"The mission of Maricopa County is to provide regional leadership and fiscally responsible, necessary public services to its residents so they can enjoy living in healthy and safe communities"

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Andrew Kunasek, District 3, Chairman
Fulton Brock, District 1
Don Stapley, District 2
Max Wilson, District 3
Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5

County Manager

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Meeting Location

CSA Boardroom A & B
1905 W Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors
will be participating in this meeting.
The agenda is printed below.

County Supervisors Association

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**COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
AGENDA
December 18, 2008
Boardrooms A and B
County Supervisors Association
1905 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ**

10:00 a.m. Call to Order ~ *President Sharon Bronson*

1) Approval of Minutes (*previously distributed*)

- The November 20, 2008 Board of Directors and Legislative Policy Committee Meeting

2) Legislative Overview ~ *Senator-elect John Nelson, Senate Natural Resources, Infrastructure and*

- *Public Debt Committee Chairman (Invited)*

3) Arizona Capitol Centennial Committee Project Update ~ *John Driggs, Chairman*

- 4) NACo Report
- 5) Legislative Policy Committee Discussion
 - Progress Report on CSA's 2009 Legislative Proposals
 - LPC Overview and 2009 Membership Reminder
 - LPC Meeting Schedule Discussion
- 6) New Supervisors Orientation Update
- 7) Recognition of Outgoing County Supervisors
- 8) Administrative Matters for Consideration
 - Adopt CSA 2009 Calendar of Events
- 9) County Caucus Reports
- 10) Other Business
- 11) Adjourn

A holiday luncheon will follow adjournment of the meeting.

The County Supervisors Association Board of Directors may vote to order an executive session for the purposes of discussion on any of the agenda items. A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1), (3), (4), and (5).

**MINUTES FOR THE
COUNTY SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 18, 2008
County Supervisors Association
Boardrooms A and B
1905 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, Arizona**

President Sharon Bronson called the County Supervisors Association Board of Directors and Legislative Policy Committee meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. The following members were present:

Richard Searle, Cochise County
Max W. Wilson, Maricopa County
Matt Ryan, Coconino County
Tom Sockwell, Mohave County
Liz Archuleta, Coconino County (telephonically)
J. R. DeSpain, Navajo County
Joe Sanchez, Gila County
Jerry Brownlow, Navajo County
Shirley Dawson, Gila County David

Tenney, Navajo County
Mark Herrington, Graham County
Jesse Thompson, Navajo County
Jim Palmer, Graham County
Sharon Bronson, Pima County
Richard Lunt, Greenlee County
Manny Ruiz, Santa County (telephonically)
Gene Fisher, La Paz County
Carol Springer, Yavapai County
Mary Rose Wilcox, Maricopa County
Lenore Stuart, Yuma County
Andy Kunasek, Maricopa County
Russell McCloud, Yuma County (telephonically)
Don Stapley, Maricopa County

Others Present:

Doug Cole, Governor's Transition Team
Steve Mortel, Speaker Adams' Policy Staff
Terry Doolittle, Pinal County
Terry Cooper, Graham County
Steve Besich, Gila County (telephonically)
Greg Lucero, Santa Cruz County
Ron Walker, Mohave County
Mike Ortega, Cochise County
Martin Willett, Pima County
Jim Bloom, Maricopa County
Kay Gale, Greenlee County
Scott J. Isham, Maricopa County
Steve Peru, Coconino County
Joanne Keene, Coconino County (telephonically)
James Jayne, Navajo County
Rod Ross, Navajo County
Dusty Parsons, Navajo County
James Candland, Maricopa County
Diane Sikokis, Maricopa County
Eric Latto, Maricopa County
Richard Bohan, Maricopa County
Terri Mulholland, Maricopa County
Mary Reiss, Maricopa County
Lori Pacini, Maricopa County
Victoria Mangiapane, Maricopa County
Tom Dorn, Yuma County
Kevin Tunell, Yuma County
Heather Bernacki, Yuma County
Sandy Sockwell, Mohave County
Mark Barnes, CSA Staff
Craig Sullivan, CSA Staff
Beth Lewallen, CSA Staff
Penny Adams, CSA Staff
Elizabeth Hegedus-Berthold, CSA Staff
Todd Madeksza, CSA Staff

Proxies:

Deborah Hill, Coconino County

Louise Yellowman, Coconino County
Carl Taylor, Coconino County

President Bronson welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Penny Adams acknowledged a quorum was present. Supervisor Manny Ruiz moved to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2008 CSA Board of Directors and Legislative Policy Committee meeting. Supervisor Lenore Stuart seconded the motion and the motion passed.

NEW SUPERVISORS ORIENTATION UPDATE

Beth Lewallen noted that the CSA Supervisor Orientation is scheduled for January 14 and will be held at CSA. All new and returning supervisors are encouraged to attend. CSA held two focus groups to assist with planning the agenda; a draft was included in the agenda packet. A reception with legislators will follow that evening, also to be held at CSA. CSA has received good responses of legislators planning to attend. Registration will be available on-line for the Orientation, the reception, and the CSA board meeting scheduled for the following day. Beth noted that CSA is also creating a county directory facebook of county supervisors and we've requested some background and biography information from each supervisor.

On another note, Beth reported that she has accepted a position of Senate policy advisor. She said she has enjoyed every minute at CSA and she thanked all supervisors and their staff for their leadership. President Bronson thanked Beth and wished her well in her new position.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION: ADOPT CSA 2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Penny Adams reported that the draft 2009 calendar of events was distributed at the November board meeting for review to return for consideration at this board meeting. She noted some key meeting dates open for consideration: the August through November board meeting dates will be set dependent upon when the Summit will be scheduled; the November and December board meeting dates will be determined on whether CSA considers holding a board meeting in conjunction with the AACo conference scheduled for the first week in December. Supervisor J. R. DeSpain noted there should be a connection with the other elected officials and he requested CSA hold its board meeting in conjunction with the AACo conference. Supervisor DeSpain moved to not hold a board meeting in November, but to hold that November board meeting at the AACo conference, and to also hold the December holiday board meeting at CSA on December 17. Supervisor Matt Ryan seconded the motion with the consideration that we request for AACo to allow the board meeting to be scheduled on Thursday so as not to conflict with the individual county board meetings held on the other week days. Supervisor DeSpain suggested it wouldn't be a problem as long as we talk to Nicole Stickler. President Bronson noted that if the board meeting can't be held on Thursday during the AACo conference, then we would revisit the issue. The motion passed.

LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW

President Bronson introduced Senator-elect John Nelson, the incoming chairman of

the Senate Natural Resources, Infrastructure and Public Debt Committee. She also introduced Steve Mortel, policy staff for Speaker Adams. Mr. Nelson commented that he hopes that by having the counties, cities and the state work together a conclusion can be reached that won't harm everyone. He said President Burns plans to focus on a budget first; all bills regarding the budget would be vetted through committees and then to Appropriations; committees will then consider and send the bills to the full Senate. He is unsure of the House plan. He said the goal in the Senate has been to reduce the number of legislative bills to a minimum. He noted the state is looking at a \$3+ billion budget deficit and it's hard to determine what to cut. Mr. Nelson said the legislature will need to work as a team and not be partisan divided, however, he heard this will be a Republican budget. He mentioned that the last budget numbers he saw showed going into a positive budget.

Mr. Nelson had requested a copy of ADOT's stimulus package, which spreads it around the state with the bulk in Maricopa County. He said we'll have to wait and see how the stimulus package sorts everything out. He suggested counties contribute what their needs are, if they haven't yet already. President Bronson informed Mr. Nelson that at the CSA Legislative Summit counties had taken the initiative to form a transportation subcommittee to look at transportation issues throughout the 15 counties. She offered to inform him of the meeting dates if he would like to attend. Mr. Nelson said he would appreciate knowing. He said he would like to see legislation get through on public private partnerships projects.

Supervisor Carol Springer said the list issued from ADOT was not approved by the State Transportation Board and some people from the State Transportation Board were surprised at the list issued. She said there should be further discussion on what should be included on the list. She commented that CSA forming the transportation subcommittee is extremely important and transportation funding will be our number one issue. Our subcommittee will work on a list and the cities are working on a list. She commented she is delighted that Senator Burns formed the committee to work on transportation and we are delighted to be working with Senator-elect Nelson.

Supervisor Max Wilson expressed concern with photo radar and how the revenue will be distributed. Mr. Nelson said he believes that the I-10 between the I-17 and 101 freeways is a lot safer to drive due to the photo radar cameras; traffic is at least 10mph slower; gas is saved, there is less crazy traffic, and it promotes safety. He said he disapproved that the governor had set up the photo radar as a revenue generator rather than a safety tool. He said the funds are not available to have a police officer sit on the freeways and city/county roads with a photo radar gun. He noted there is a 10mph cushion on the speed limit. He commented that even if a person is caught by a camera, an officer will not be there to check for warrants. President Bronson commented that Mr. Nelson will be in for a challenging time with a challenging committee and thanked him for his time.

President Bronson introduced Doug Cole, the Deputy Director for Operations and Communications of the Brewer Transition Team. Doug Cole explained that the transition team consisted of 27 individuals representing community leaders, nonprofits, business organizations, and major employers around Arizona. He provided the names of some of the transition team members: Kevin Tyne (Brewer's chief of staff), Chuck Coughlin (the director of the transition team), two deputy directors (Doug Cole for communications and Jay Heiler for personnel), and six assistant directors: Supervisor Andy Kunasek (general government, department of administration, weights and measures, real estate, liquor license), Brian McNeil (health and human services), Paulina Vazquez-Morris (all levels of education), Lisa Atkins (land, infrastructure,

transportation, game and fish), Richard Bark (criminal justice; former policy chief for speaker's office), and Lori Daniels (budget finance).

Doug explained the transition process. He noted that Governor Napolitano announced on December 1 that she had accepted the position for Homeland Security; Secretary of State Brewer announced her transition team on December 5, and the team met for the first time on December 8. The six teams are empowered to have other transition members join; the teams will do most of the bulk of the work. They will be meeting with agency heads, review briefing materials, and make recommendations of policy changes that may need to be made in agencies. The team does not intend to clean house, but to do a meaningful, thorough review.

Mr. Cole said the goal is to have the next layer complete by January 5. They will then fill the policy directors' positions, then the agencies. The next layer goal would be January 15. He said Secretary Brewer will be the first county supervisor to the governorship. Her confirmation is expected to be held January 20 or 21. She had wanted to make sure there was a supervisor on board the transition team and selected Supervisor Kunasek. He noted that to be fair they had selected the City of Tucson Mayor, also.

Supervisor Jesse Thompson said the tribal community has a good relationship with the governor's tribal liaison and hopes it continues. Doug said he met with the Napolitano tribal workgroup last week and has been in contact with the Arizona Commission on Indian Affairs. It is the team's goal to set up a meeting with the Native American community within the next few weeks. Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox noted that the advisory committees on Hispanic/Asian/African American are good groups to work with and hopes Brewer will plan to meet with them.

President Bronson said that Supervisor Valadez sends best wishes. She invited Doug Cole and the other team staff to our legislative reception on January 14 at 5:30 p.m. at CSA. She asked if Secretary Brewer would like to do a presentation. Doug said he would send someone if Brewer couldn't do it.

Steve Mortel of Speaker Adams' staff said a House retreat will be held this weekend for House leadership to determine how the budget will work. They will look at deregulation. He said they will look at whether the state can help out at the county level in some capacity. President Bronson commented it will be a painful year from the county perspective. She said the outlook and outreach to counties is appreciated. She noted that counties would like to manage ourselves rather than being told how. She noted that each county is unique and one size does not fit all.

NACO REPORT

Supervisor Don Stapley said he appreciates all the support he has received. It has given him strength in this difficult time. He noted that Arizona is well represented on the NACo board by Supervisors Tom White and David Tenney and Helen Purcell.

Supervisor Archuleta is chair of the Public Land Steering Committee (PLSC). NACo worked hard through the presidential process and is meeting with key players during the transition. NACo is looking at the stimulus package, the housing problem, and neighborhood stabilization. The NACo winter board meeting was held in Tempe in December. It went very well and was the highest attended in years. One of the purposes of the meeting is to approve the budget. NACo is doing well financially; they will not increase dues or membership conference costs for 2009.

Supervisor Stapley said President-elect Obama and key Washington players have been invited to the NACo Legislative Conference and he encouraged supervisors to attend. NACo is two years into a 10-year lease on the NACo building. He suggested conference attendees stop by the NACo building for a tour. Supervisor Stapley said the NACo Governance and Bylaws working groups will meet at the Legislative Conference. The board will move to accept or reject recommendations. They intend to avoid the problems with elections they had in the past. Senators McCain and Kyl will be invited to get their perspective on things. Immigration reform is a major issue and it will be a panel discussion at the Legislative Conference. They hope to put the focus on the federal government not just border security. As NACo President, Supervisor Stapley will attend the inaugural reception at NACo and invited others to attend; he encouraged people to contact their congressional member for tickets.

Supervisor Liz Archuleta said the Public Lands Steering Committee had four legislative agenda items. She will provide a copy to CSA to share with counties. The committee will meet with the appointed Secretary of the Interior and plans to invite him to the Legislative Conference.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNTY SUPERVISORS

CSA honored the 14 outgoing supervisors for their dedication to CSA and county issues with a Distinguished Service Award. She presented the award to Gila County Supervisor Joe Sanchez for his outstanding service and exemplary contribution during his tenure as a member of CSA. Supervisor Sanchez thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the counties. He said he would cherish the experience forever. He said the people in counties are fortunate to have this group of people. President Bronson presented an identical award to La Paz County Supervisor Gene Fisher. Supervisor Fisher thanked the organization for all it has done for the counties and he thanked all the supervisors for all they have done on behalf of the state. He said his 20 years of service has been very rewarding. He said he is extremely pleased, proud and honored to serve in such a great state.

COUNTY CAUCUS REPORTS

There was no report from the Medium County Caucus.

Supervisor DeSpain reported that the Small County Caucus dinner meeting last evening was hosted by Navajo County and catered by Supervisor Wilcox's El Portal restaurant. Senator Allen had provided her concept of what needs to be done. Dusty Parsons and Kevin Adam had provided information on a transportation incentive package. Discussion also involved the mine closures.

LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

President Bronson noted CSA's 2009 Legislative Priorities brochure was available on the agenda table. Craig Sullivan said the Summit had provided a work plan on key legislative items to implement and the CSA brochure outlines those. Bills are in process and CSA is meeting with legislators. CSA has put together strategic items which includes a more coordinated public relations strategy. CSA and county managers met with the county public information officers two weeks ago for a very productive meeting. A transportation subcommittee is another strategic item designed to evaluate CSA's position on transportation and the recommendations will be brought to the full board, probably by March. Craig said that CSA has a great team, a great

team of contract lobbyists, and a great team of county legislative affairs professionals. The plan is to keep in constant communication. He noted that participation is the number one advocacy tool and participation by county leaders is key. He requested counties plan on regular communication with their legislators.

Penny Adams supplied the Legislative Policy Committee membership list with the agenda and requested counties provide the name of their representative as soon as possible. CSA will be requesting from the Speaker's office reserved seating in the House gallery for the opening day ceremonies and State of the State for our LPC representatives and we will need to know who plans to attend.

Craig reported that the first LPC meeting will be January 23 and discussion will be held on how the committee will operate as a coalition. The LPC can set the meeting schedule during the first LPC meeting. The LPC met every Friday for the past few years as a standing meeting either by teleconference or videoconference.

ARIZONA CAPITOL CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE PROJECT UPDATE

Beth Lewallen reported that John Driggs provided a Centennial Project presentation last April and the updated proposal to conduct a statewide effort to renovate the State Capitol for the Centennial is included in the agenda packet. John Driggs, chairman of the Arizona Capitol Centennial Committee, said legislation on the project began four years ago, but little has been done so far. The first meeting of the Governor's Centennial Commission was held in June, the second in September, and the next meeting was postponed to March 23. He said there is an opportunity to promote the project with new leadership in the legislature and a new governor. Both committees agree that the restoration of the State Capitol is the signature project of the centennial. He noted that all but \$450,000 of the \$2.5 million appropriated monies were swept. The Speaker and the President have asked for \$900,000 to be raised from non-state sources in the form of a sponsor membership in the Capitol project. Mr. Driggs, as chairman of the committee, is asking every city, town, county and tribe to sign up for the membership approach. The maximum request is \$5,000. Maricopa County has already provided their contribution.

Supervisor Wilson thanked Mr. Driggs for his continued dedication to the project. Mr. Driggs said he has no staff and is seeking involvement from all government units all by himself. He said he knows there is a state fiscal crisis, but the importance of the historic Capitol is that it is the only monumental capitol Arizona will have. He said he believes it is the only territorial capitol to be used as a seat of government. He said the territorial capitol has been used as a museum for the past 40 years, but it needs to be put back in order. Supervisor Richard Lunt said Greenlee County will be celebrating its centennial in 2009.

OTHER BUSINESS

Two "Kris Kringles" appeared along with their helper "Beth-lehem," who distributed candy canes. The two Kris Kringles brought a bag of presents and merrily distributed them with witty sayings along with each present. All of the presents were memorable and some of them were: a box of Depends for Supervisor Sanchez for those indecisive facilities moments, a utility bill for Supervisor Paul Newman since he was elected to the Arizona Corporation Commission, a cell phone with a mute button for Supervisor Carol Springer so that when she puts her phone on hold during a teleconference, it will be muted instead of providing hold music, a compass for Supervisor Manny Ruiz for those long bus rides (think "Summit"), Supervisor

Herrington was voted "sexy Santa" with some holiday boxers, and a whoopee cushion for President Bronson to help get the board's attention.

Supervisor Springer commented that it is important to have all participants in the Arizona Centennial Project and believes the counties can play a significant role. Yavapai County established the Yavapai County Arizona Centennial Committee with the purpose to act as the facilitator for all countywide events. They will develop a website and a master calendar. She distributed a sample of their resolution and organizational structure.

Supervisor Sanchez said the Polly Rosenbaum State Archives and History building dedication will take place in January. He will provide the information to Penny to distribute.

Supervisor Kunasek said he invited Chairman Bill Mundell to lunch, who has served counties well.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Andrew Kunasek, Chairman of the Board

Lori Pacini, Deputy Clerk of the Board